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Mr. Carlisle is showing an excess of zeal in removing Republican clerks in the Treasury Department, but what is he doing to mitigate or improve the financial situation?

The President has done enough and his administration has suffered reproach enough for Senator Voorhees to cause him to support the Cleveland financial policy when the Senate meets.

The delegate from Arizona now in Washington declares that the West is as strongly in favor of free silver coinage as ever. That depends upon what the Arizona statesman calls the West. If the silver-producing States are the West, he is right; otherwise he may be wrong.

The Springfield (Mass.) Republican notes some excellent legislation by the Populist Legislature of Minnesota. The excellent legislation of the last Minnesota Legislature is due to the fact that it was Republican, and not Populist. It began by re-electing Senator Davis, Republican.

Referring to the decision of the Supreme Court in what are known as the "hat trimmings cases," the Louisville Courier-Journal says: "The United States government will be called upon to refund millions of dollars wrongfully collected as tariff duty under the McKinley act." These claims and cases originated long before the McKinley act was passed.

The mugwumps, by assailing Secretary Carlisle for turning out efficient treasury officials who remained in office during Mr. Cleveland's first term, will commend the Secretary to the admiration of the great mass of Democrats who insist that offices are spoils. Indeed, the mugwumps may make the Kentucky idol of the party and its next candidate for the presidency.

For weeks the principal reason assigned by the Cleveland organs against the annexation of Hawaii was that Claus Spreckels, the sugar magnate, desired it. Weeks ago it was known to all but those organs that Spreckels was opposed to annexation, but now that they have made a belated discovery of the fact and that he is fighting it tooth and nail because he wants serf labor, what have these papers to say?

The Hon. Robert Lincoln, late minister to England, says the change by which the representative of this government in England becomes an Ambassador instead of a minister will be of great advantage. "It is a change," he says, "which has long been needed, and, aside from adding to the dignity of the United States representative abroad, it will be of great practical value in the transaction of business."

The lynching at Brownstown, done by the same mob that did the lynching at Bedford the night before, shows how one act of lawlessness begets another. The mob had persuaded itself that it was executing justice, and concluded to make thorough work of it. In this spirit it committed two deliberate murders. The actors in the disgraceful affair ought to be arrested and tried for murder, but it is not at all likely they will be.

Southern Congressmen seem to be willing to vote to repeal the Sherman act if there shall go with the repeal of the tax on bank circulation, which prevents wild-cat banking. As a choice between evils, the Sherman silver law is preferable by a large majority. A dollar which will have a bullion value in all parts of the United States is much better than shiploaders issued by the syndicate State banks of Zimiri Dwiglins.

When Judge Cox reproved a jury for fixing a sentence altogether inadequate to the offense he called to light that very defective feature of the criminal law of Indiana which vests the fixing of the sentence in juries. It is this unwise provision which is responsible, in no slight degree, for the inadequate enforcement of our criminal laws. In the United States and in most of the States the judge fixes the sentence—a function for which he is much better qualified than the average jury.

The soothing effect of a few policemen on an excited crowd was illustrated on Circle street yesterday afternoon. The strikers had gathered in large numbers and for some time had everything their own way, obstructing the street and sidewalk and interfering with the progress of the work on the street pavement. The superintendent of the work was unable to keep the crowd from pressing in on his men and several times a collision seemed imminent. Finally a

squad of police with an officer or two appeared on the scene, and at the first wave of their hands the crowd began to fall back and scatter. In a very few minutes, and without any demonstration of violence the police had the street cleared and the crowd pressed back to a line that left the workmen abundance of room. In this instance the police showed that they understood their duty and knew how to perform it.

THE FEATURES OF THE GEARY LAW.

The features of the Geary act for the exclusion of Chinese laborers, so far as they relate to those now in the country, are likely to be misunderstood. The purpose of the law is not to send out of the country the Chinamen who are now here, but to so identify them that when they leave no others can take their places, and to make it possible to ascertain those who may be smuggled into the country after the date of the going into effect of the Geary law. That provision of the law for the identification of the Chinamen who have a right to remain here after its passage. In effect it is no more arrogant a demand than the passport which visitors from the United States must take to Europe to escape arrest in times of excitement. As to deportation, the Geary law contains no novel feature, since our immigration and anti-contract laws have embodied the theory of the right to send people out of the country. During the past year quite a large number of men have been sent back to Europe because they came here under contract. The present immigration laws provide for the sending back of paupers, criminals, idiots, and even for the sending back of persons who become paupers within a year after their arrival. The majority of the Supreme Court has declared that Congress has a right to enact laws to deport any class of aliens whose character and customs are held to be objectionable. That opinion will commend itself to most thinking men.

The Geary act is a piece of hasty legislation. The first act prohibiting Chinese immigration was limited to a term of years, which expired in May, 1892. The Republican Senate passed early in the session of the last Congress a well-considered measure and sent it to the Democratic House, where, after action was delayed for a long time, the Geary bill, prepared by the Democratic member of the House from California, whose name it bears, was passed. There was no time to spare, as some sort of legislation was necessary to follow the expiring act, and the Senate passed the Geary bill, which the House had passed with a few modifications, and which became a law by the approval of President Harrison. If the Chinamen in this country now comply with the requirements of the Geary law no one of them need leave. If the Chinese government adopts a strictly responsive policy no American in China need leave that country.

There are many reasons why Chinese immigration, if immigration it can be called, is objectionable. The Chinese laborer comes here a contract laborer under the control of the Six Companies. The Chinaman does not come here to become a citizen, but to scrape together a little money and go back. The Chinamen do not come here in families, so that the Chinese laborer, with his custom of cheap living, can drive white or colored labor out of the field by accepting wages insufficient for the support of the latter with families. The Chinamen in this country acknowledge the jurisdiction of the Emperor of China and ignore the laws of the States in which they live. They would have complied with the requirements of the Geary act had not their rulers, the Six Companies, advised them to ignore them. The few who reach Eastern cities are peaceable and industrious, but in San Francisco the Chinamen are so turbulent that the Chinese consul recently issued a proclamation to them stating that in their quarrels they were not violating the laws of the United States, but of China, and as the representative of that government he would arrest and send them back to be punished. Where Chinamen congregate in large numbers, their vices are of the most degrading character and demoralizing in their effect upon the young who fall within their influence. Open our ports to them and they would come by tens of thousands.

The New York Sun discusses anew a question that is more easily asked than answered, viz., the money cost of the civil war. As the result of what seems to be a conservative and at the same time comprehensive estimate the Sun presents the following approximate statement:

Current war expenses.....\$3,144,975,087
Bounties other than federal.....245,341,128
Estimated private contributions.....50,000,000
Loss of soldiers' productive labor 1,017,241,209
War claims of various sorts.....140,000,000
Interest on war debt.....2,535,829,112
Pensions on account of civil war 1,431,198,500
Total.....\$8,425,185,017

Some of these items are nearly official, while others are necessarily only estimates. The interest on the war debt is from official statements for the period from 1866 to 1892. The highest point reached by the annual interest cost was in 1867, when it was \$148,781,592. Since then there has been a steady yearly decrease until, in 1892, it amounted to \$23,378,116. Interest for 1893 is estimated at \$20,000,000. The item of pensions shows a steady annual increase from 1866, when it was \$15,695,332, to 1893, when it amounts to \$146,737,350.

The total money cost of the war, as represented by the foregoing figures, is quite beyond the power of the imagination to conceive, and these figures do not take any account of the loss of life and consequent decrease in the productive power of the Nation. That, however, is an indirect expense, while the foregoing table aims to present only the actual cost. Yet, great as this was, no person doubts that the result was worth all it cost.

Mr. Cleveland has just as much right to suspend the enforcement of the Chinese exclusion act now as he had before the Supreme Court passed upon it, and perhaps, on the whole, that would be the best thing to do. Strictly speaking, it would be a violation of the Con-

stitution and cause for impeachment, but no doubt Congress would legalize his act. The truth is, the situation is a very critical one, and calls for extremely cautious action. An attempt to enforce the law may precipitate the most serious foreign trouble we have had for a long time.

ONE of the suspensions threatened is that of a loan company in a Northwest city whose business has been to float commercial paper upon a sufficient collateral and then guaranteeing the payment of the paper. If the collateral had always been actually sufficient there would be no danger of suspension, but such cannot have been the case, as it is announced that a large number of its patrons whose paper has become due have refused either to take it up or renew it. The "sufficient collateral" in many cases proves to be mortgages on town sites and boom values. That the debenture bonds of such a company should sell by the millions is evidence of the credulity and ignorance of a large number of people who have money to invest.

WILLIAM E. CURTIS, the head of the Bureau of American Republics, whose resignation has just been demanded by Secretary Gresham, has proved a very efficient official and has done much to give United States manufacturers and merchants a knowledge of South American markets and their requirements. The fact that he has been active in promoting the trade of this country in the American republics and incidentally in urging reciprocity arrangements was sufficient to make him a victim for the Gresham ax, even if he was called to the public service by the late President Arthur, as was the new Democratic Secretary of State.

THAT highly emotional novelist, Julia Edwards, has in publication a novel under the title of "Lauretta is My Darling or Loved in New York and Won at the World's Fair." This is probably the greatest hit in the way of title that has been made since Laura Jean Libby came at us with "Gibberia the Beauty; or, in Love at First Sight with a Handsome Baseball Player."

BURLES IN THE AIR.

His specialty.
"Does Breeves, the lawyer, have any 'epitaph'?"
"Oh, yes. His is 'Julius'."

An Abundant Request.
Footpad—Gimme your money!
Mr. Lushforth (disgusted)—Do you suppose I would be 'gimmed' home at 9 o'clock if I had any money? You are the biggest chump I have met in a month of Sundays.

He Takes Other Measures.
That "every Jack took have his GIM," is true as it is short;
But when his GIM deserteth him,
He straight doth take a quart.

A Student of Humanity.
Watte—That is a mighty fine umbrella for so careless a man as you to carry. It is a wonder to me that it hasn't been stolen from you long ago. Putze—That is just where you are wrong. People think that a man who can afford as fine an umbrella as that is not a safe man to steal from.

A Skeptic.
"Does educated niggers makes no thif," said Uncle Mose. "Jes 'cause dey knows how to read an' cipher, dey tink dey know it all. Dishes, yaller nephew ob mine says dat if de rabbit jolt wuz any good, it wouldn't be so easy to jolt 'em from de rabbit. Did you eber hear de like ob dat?"

DONHAM OF TERRE HAUTE.

MR. DONHAM, Cleveland's newly appointed postmaster at Terre Haute, thinks he is a bigger man than the entire Civil Service Commission—Columbus Republican.

THE terrible earnestness the spoils men take in getting the offices was well exemplified in the Terre Haute case. Neither decency nor the good of the country enters any figure in the minds of the hungry piece-mealers.

HAD Mr. Donham referred to the post-office regulations he would have learned that he has no authority to appoint or dismiss a letter carrier; even in the absence of the civil-service rules, he can only recommend, for appointment or dismissal, to the Postoffice Department.

OF course the dismissal of the carrier, unless upon the ground of insubordination, was in violation of the law, and in any event Postmaster Donham had no power under the law to do more than recommend their dismissal. If Mr. Donham should meet the fate of the recently appointed postmaster at Columbus, Ga., he will have had advisers to thank for it.—Evansville Courier.

THE Democratic bully not only attempted to gain possession of the office by force, but he had a number of men to break into the government building, and Saturday morning he appointed an assistant postmaster and money order clerk and dismissed the carriers, appointing others in free delivery. If Mr. Donham should meet the fate of the recently appointed postmaster at Columbus, Ga., he will have had advisers to thank for it.—Evansville Courier.

THE GEARY EXCLUSION ACT.

IF America treats China unjustly, this country cannot expect China to be magnanimous. What is sauce for the Chinese goose is a fitting condiment for the American gander.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

In this game of retaliation we are likely to be the loser. Our citizens who are in China have much larger interests at stake than the Chinamen who are residents here. Losers or not, we cannot fairly complain.—Louisville Commercial.

LET it be granted that to exclude Chinamen is necessary, and the extraordinary nature of the Geary law may be excused, perhaps, on the plea of necessity. But what must not Americans in China be called upon to suffer because of the law, if it is enforced.—Chicago Record.

THERE is no reason to fear a war, but there certainly is grave reason to fear that citizens of this country will find travel or residence in China intolerable. It would be too much to expect that the "Chinese" better observance of treaty obligations than is found in Christian America.—Detroit Free Press.

CHINA is not a warlike nation, strictly speaking, but neither is it a nation prone to peace under all conditions. Its naval force is superior to ours, and it has millions of men who could be quickly mobilized for military purposes. The news from that quarter will therefore be awaited with considerable interest. There is material

in the case for serious trouble should the Emperor of China decide to take the risk.

WHEN we have the object lesson presented that China is at liberty to treat Americans as the United States treats the Chinese, the people of the country may arouse themselves to the importance of having some other principles than demagogic cheap legislation on international topics.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

WHAT the practical effect of the decision will be cannot be predicted. It is the clear duty of President Cleveland to issue another order to the effect that the validity of the act having been sustained by the Supreme Court its enforcement should follow as a matter of course. He had no right to suspend it. That of itself was an insult to Congress.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

THE Chinese government may cut off commercial intercourse. Diplomatic intercourse may also cease. The Chinese government, according to this decision, has the right to shut out Americans and to send away Americans now here. It is possible that the demagogues who procured the enactment of the law will be so frightened that it may have oversteered their mark.—Chicago Herald.

THE great commerce of the United States with China, that is assuming such splendid proportions and promises so much for the future, must all be given up and surrendered to our rival, Great Britain. This is the result of the great Chinese trade act, that had its inception with the headlines of Dennis Kerney on the sand lots of San Francisco fifteen years ago.—Toledo Commercial.

WE might get up a riot and kill a few, but the reaction from that is unpleasant. China is a tolerably large nation just now, and she might object. She might exhibit a surly temper toward our merchants and our people in her own territory. And what is the result of the Chinese trade act, which this country has expended so much money and so much intellect to establish.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

When the case was decided on sentimental grounds the Geary act would probably be overturned, for the East is very strong on the question of sentiment. People in the East know very little of the Chinese as he really is, but have acquired an abnormal regard and admiration for the ideal Chinese whom they have evolved from the inner consciousness, but these ideals are as unlike the real Chinese as a whale would be imagined.—San Francisco Chronicle.

SUITS AGAINST JOHN E. RISLEY.

Actions Begun That May Prevent the Minister from Going to Denmark.

NEW YORK, May 16.—John E. Risley, recently appointed minister to Denmark, was made the defendant to-day in a suit for an accounting of his fees as joint counsel with the late Senator Joseph E. McDonald. Papers were filed with United States Commissioner Shields at noon to-day. As the petition asks for the creation of a trust for Risley's property, a writ of his pendens was filed with the Kings county clerk at Brooklyn. A bill in equity has been filed in the United States Court, asking for the appointment of a receiver for Risley's property pending an examination of the accounts of McDonald & Risley as attorneys in Alabama claims footing up several millions of dollars. The bill pendens is to prevent Risley from disposing of his property before the accounts are examined. The petition asks the court for a writ of ex parte restraining Risley from departing out of its jurisdiction. 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